

INVAJERS READING THE GREEK BORDER

German and Bulgarian Forces Are Threatening to Outflank the Anglo-French Forces

BULGARS ATTACK ALLIES' EXTREME RIGHT WING

Under Pressure the French Have Withdrawn From Krivolak to a Deep Gorge About Twenty Miles From the Greek Frontier—German Plan Seems to be to Crush the Little Force of Allies Sent to the Assistance of the Serbians—Allied Troops Continue to Land at Saloniki—German Minor Successes in the Champagne Are Recorded—British at Kut-el-Amara Have Been Reinforced and Are Making a Stand.

London, Dec. 8, 10.10 p. m.—The situation in the Balkans is developing rapidly. The Germans and Bulgarians have reached Kenali, on the Greek border, ten miles south of Monastir, thus threatening to outflank the Anglo-French forces, while Bulgarians who also are supposed to be supported by Germans, have attacked the allies' extreme right wing near Strumitza.

French Withdraw Under Pressure. Under this pressure the French have withdrawn from the Krivolak salient and at last accounts had taken up a position at Demirkapin in a deep gorge about twenty miles from the Greek frontier, through which the Saloniki railway runs. Here they were attacked by the Bulgarians, who, according to the French reports, were repulsed.

Plans Not Quite Clear. Neither the plans of the allies nor those of the Germans are yet quite clear, but apparently the Germans are determined on crushing the little force which went to the assistance of the Serbians and which has been and is still being reinforced. The retirement of the allies to Demirkapin has led to the report that they intended to abandon the Balkan enterprise entirely, but the French have been ordered to hold on. The British have received reinforcements at Kut-el-Amara, where they are making their stand after the retreat from Mesopotamia and the Italian who, for the past two weeks have been on the offensive, are now engaged in meeting the Austrian counter-attacks.

No New Offensive in Gallipoli. The expected offensive of the allies in Gallipoli apparently did not materialize while throughout Russia the wintry weather put a stop to all but small ventures.

ALLEGED MISUSE OF HOSPITAL SHIPS BY THE BRITISH. Wolff Bureau Says They Are Used for Transportation of Troops.

Berlin, via London, Dec. 9, 1.10 a. m.—The Wolff bureau circulates an authoritative pronouncement regarding the alleged misuse of hospital ships by the British for transporting troops and munitions. After referring to the two reiterated British denials of these practices, it cites a paragraph from the Turkish official report of Dec. 4, maintaining that British troops have been transported at night by two hospital ships and adds:

"The British government should realize that further abuse of the Red Cross as a means of practice by the British, may compel the central powers to adopt measures adapted effectively to combat this British procedure, so out of harmony with every right and law of humanity."

Denial by British Government. London, Dec. 9, 1.10 a. m.—The official British press bureau, in permitting the circulation of the Wolff bureau's statement regarding the alleged misuse of hospital ships by the British says: "As has been previously stated on several occasions, allegations of this character are entirely false."

AN ITALIAN STEAMER AND BARK SUNK. Eleven Officers and 27 Men of British Steamer Helmsmür Picked Up.

London, Dec. 8, 6.25 p. m.—Eleven officers and 27 men of the British steamer Helmsmür have been picked up, it is announced.

The Italian steamer Dimis (?) and the Italian bark Pietro Lofaro have been sunk.

There has been no previous information that the steamer Helmsmür may have been sunk, presumably by a submarine. She is listed as a vessel of 4,111 tons gross, 38 feet long, built at Sunderland in 1912 and owned in Cardiff.

The Pietro Lofaro was a vessel of 715 tons gross, built in 1902. The steamer Dimis is not listed in available shipping records.

Cabled Paragraphs

Reichstag Will Be Asked to Vote \$2,500,000,000 Credit. Berlin, Dec. 8 (By wireless to Sayville).—The Reichstag will be asked to vote a credit of 10,000,000,000 marks approximately (\$2,500,000,000) supplementary to the 1915 budget, the Overseas News agency announced today.

Sank a Small Italian Cruiser. Vienna, Dec. 8, 10.10 a. m.—An official statement issued tonight says: "One of our submarines on the morning of the 5th sank a small Italian cruiser with two funnels off Valona (Avlona) Albania."

SERVING SUBPOENAS ON NEW HAMPSHIRE LUMBERMEN. For Alleged Violation of Immigration and Alien Contract Labor Laws.

Colebrook, N. H., Dec. 8.—The investigation into alleged violation of the immigration and alien contract labor laws, conducted by the United States marshal at Colebrook, N. H., has resulted up to noon today in the arrest of 230 lumbermen who have been employed in getting out pulp wood near the upper waters of the Connecticut river. The investigation was conducted by a team of assistants in the woods endeavoring to serve other warrants.

OFFER TO REHABILITATE FINANCES OF SANTO DOMINGO. U. S. Willing to Extend Same Aid That is In Force in Haiti.

Washington, Dec. 8.—American Minister Russell at Santo Domingo has been instructed to ascertain whether the Dominican people desire the aid of the United States in rehabilitating the republic's finances through a plan similar to that recently put into effect in Haiti. No definite report is expected until the regular session of the Dominican congress which begins in February.

The proposal contemplates supervision by the United States of the Dominican government and rehabilitation of the little republic's finances through a foreign loan. This little neck of land, which the United States is seeking such a loan is now pending the chain of \$5,000,000. Appeal to seek the backing of the United States in seeking such a loan is now pending the chain of \$5,000,000. Appeal to seek the backing of the United States in seeking such a loan is now pending the chain of \$5,000,000.

EXCELLENT PROGRESS IN CLEARING PANAMA CANAL. Only Fifty Feet of Earth Separates the Waters of the Channel.

Panama, Dec. 8.—Such excellent progress has been made with the dredging of the Gaillard cut in the Panama Canal that now only fifty feet of earth separates the waters of the canal from the Gulf of Panama.

CANADIAN WOMEN BARRED FROM SAILING FOR LIVERPOOL. Because They Were Not Supplied With the New Passports Required.

New York, Dec. 8.—Because they were not supplied with the new passports required by the British government, 100 Canadian women who were planning to go to England to spend Christmas holidays with their husbands in the Canadian contingent, were barred from sailing for Liverpool today on the White Star liner Adriatic.

KAISER FIXES DATE FOR MARRIAGE OF SON. For End of February, When He Hopes War Will Be Ended.

London, Dec. 8, 7.10 p. m.—Emperor William has fixed the date for the marriage of his youngest son, Prince Joachim, to Princess Marie of Anhalt for the end of February.

SUPERINTENDENT OF CHICAGO SCHOOL SYSTEM. John D. Shoop Succeeds Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, Who Resigned.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—John D. Shoop, who has been assistant superintendent of schools during the six year term of Ella Flagg Young, today was elected superintendent by the board of education to succeed Mrs. Young, who resigned.

CONDITION OF JUDGE WILLIAMS UNCHANGED. If No Complications Set In His Recovery He Hoped For.

Derby, Conn., Dec. 8.—The condition of Judge William H. Williams of the superior court, who is recovering from an attack of pneumonia, was reported as unchanged by his physician tonight. He is resting comfortably and if there are no complications, his recovery is hoped for.

OBITUARY. David M. Kneeland. Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 8.—David M. Kneeland, 82, died at his home in Milwaukee, Wis., after a long illness in northern Wisconsin and Michigan lumber concerns aggregate \$8,000,000, died today at the home of his son at Phillips, Wis. He was 84 years old.

President Receives Dem. Committee

TALKS POLITICS AT LUNCHEON IN THE WHITE HOUSE. GIVES INFORMAL TALK.

Asserted That the "Republicans Had No Issue for the Campaign Except the Tariff and that Democracy Was Certain to Win"—Did Not Indicate Whether He Would Run Again.

Washington, Dec. 8.—President Wilson, who declined the Democratic national committee at a luncheon in the state dining room of the White House, gave an informal talk to the committee members at 12 noon today.

Democratic Constructive Work. "Our constructive work has started an irresistible movement which cannot be stopped," he declared. "Anyone who tells you otherwise is talking through his hat."

President's Talk Was Informal. Throughout his entire talk, which dealt with subjects ranging from democratic changes in the government to the "isolated" life of a chief executive, the president was informal.

Remarks Greeted Enthusiastically. Democrats of all factions greeted his remarks enthusiastically. They left the White House in buoyant spirits, declaring that the president had inspired them with new confidence.

One Big Family. At the outset the president said he wanted the members to feel that they were part of a family of which he was a member. He asked whether anyone present could suggest any campaign argument other than the tariff which the opposition could advance.

Touches Upon Mexican Problem. Touching upon the Mexican problem, he said this same majority rule should apply in Mexico as well as in the United States.

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CONDENSED TELEGRAMS

The reconvening of the Russian Duma was postponed indefinitely by the czar.

Next Sunday will be observed as "Tuberculosis Sunday" throughout New Jersey.

Henry Ford will send by wireless a message to Champ Clarke to be read in Congress.

Michigan's State crop report gives the condition of wheat at \$5, compared with \$3 in November.

The traffic squad of the New York Police Department has been increased from 596 men to 652 men.

The schooner William L. Elkins ran ashore at Cortland Head, N. H., and is expected to be a total loss.

The Anchor Line steamer Cameronia arrived at New York from Glasgow, bringing 233 passengers.

Having recovered from an operation on his leg, the Russian premier, Prince Lvov, addressed the Diet at Tokio.

The frontier between Switzerland and Germany, recently closed by German military authorities, was reopened.

During the eleven weeks of the strike of garment workers in Chicago, \$125,000 has been distributed in benefits.

There has been withdrawn from the Sub-Treasury in New York \$50,000 in gold coin for shipment to South America.

The gunboat Sacramento was ordered home from Manila, during the policy of reducing the American naval force there.

After being missing for three days, Charles Lange, a bachelor, was found dead on a couch in his home in the west end, Bridgeport.

The French pavilion at the Panama-Pacific Exposition grounds was sold as a wrecking yard for \$2,000. It cost \$100,000 to erect.

Under-Lieut. George Victor Hugo, grandson of the famous French novelist, was awarded the French Cross of War for bravery in battle.

Lewis S. Bonney, Asst. Fire Chief of Bayonne, N. J., was killed when his automobile collided with a wagon while he was riding to a fire.

Governor McCrory, who retired as Governor of Kentucky, during his term issued 511 pardons, ranging from pistol carrying to manslaughter.

W. P. Phillips, cashier of the First National Bank of Vinita, Okla., convicted of making false entries, was sentenced to five years in prison.

Transmission of opium in any form through the Canadian mails, under the United States, was prohibited by the Mexican Post Office Department.

The body of Gregorio Inticato, a basket fish peddler, was found on the water front at Boston, with the head battered in and a hatchet by its side.

Scores of guests of the Carleton hotel, Chicago, fled to the street, scantly clothed when the gutted the Alhambra Theatre, adjoining, with \$2,000 loss.

Thomas J. Wicks, former superintendent of the Hempstead, L. I. Water Works, convicted of misusing \$350 in funds, was sentenced to one year in jail.

A semi-weekly passenger service between Berlin and Constantinople, and Munich and Constantinople, via Bulgaria and Serbia has been inaugurated.

Thirty-five Australian cadets, who have been sent to Canada and France, were reviewed by Acting-Mayor McAneny at the New York City Hall.

Frank Millican, fruit dealer of Niagara Falls, shot down at Jamestown, N. Y., after a street quarrel, died at Jamestown. He refused to name his assailants.

Augustus O. Stanley, for six consecutive terms Democratic congressman from the Second Kentucky District, was inaugurated for a fourth year term.

The United States Army transport Sherman, which left San Francisco for Hawaii and the Philippines, was forced to put back to port because of rough weather.

All naturalized foreigners, and all foreigners under the protection of the Rumanian laws, up to the age of 49, were ordered mobilized by the Rumanian government.

Colonel Roosevelt's name has been taken from the Nebraska primary ballot as a candidate for the office of president. This was at the request of the former president.

Breaking through the ice while skating on Boot Lake, near Palk Rapids, Minn., Miss Gae Hughes and the Misses Knight, sisters, broke through and were drowned.

Reginald McKenna, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated that the amount of gold held in English banks on June 30, was \$551,000,000, against \$414,996,000 on June 30, 1914.

The torpedo boat destroyer Conyngham made an average speed of 23.8 knots an hour in a four-hour endurance run yesterday. This test of sustained speed was satisfactory.

Many soldiers stationed along the Mexican border have bought their discharge recently. Orders were issued at Fort Sam Houston granting discharges by purchase to 22 enlisted men.

The United States Shoe Machinery Co. filed a motion in the United States District Court at St. Louis asking that the Government's suit, charging violation of the anti-trust law be dismissed.

Governor Whitman announced that he would not pardon Antonio Ponton, a Porto Rican, under death sentence for the murder of Miss Beesie S. Kromer, a school teacher of Schenectady, N. Y.

British Steamer Igals Sunk. London, Dec. 8, 11.37 p. m.—The British steamer Igals has been sunk. The crew have been landed.

Radical Changes in the Income Tax Suggested to Congress in Annual Report of Secretary of Treasury McAdoo

TO AID IN PAYMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

Would Tax Married Persons With Income as Low as \$3,000, Single Persons With \$2,000 Incomes—On the Basis of Examinations, He Says, More Than \$4,600,000 in Personal Tax and More Than \$20,891,000 in Corporation Tax is Still Due the Government, Through Ignorance and Evasions of the Law—Asks for an Increase in Force of Collectors—Recommends That the Present Stamp Tax and the Existing Duty on Raw Sugar Should be Retained.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Radical changes in the income tax which thousands are not subject to its provisions and to improve the machinery of collection were suggested to congress today in the annual report of Secretary McAdoo as means by which the greater part of the additional revenue needed to pay for the administration national defense plans can be provided. The secretary proposed to lower the exemption from the tax on married persons with incomes as low as \$3,000 and single persons with \$2,000 incomes. The exemptions now are \$4,000 and \$3,000, respectively.

Increases in the collection force, a requirement that returns must be made of gross income, and a net income and a witness so that the tax shall not be withheld at the source, were among Mr. McAdoo's other suggestions. He made no estimate of the number of persons who might be taxed if the amendments were adopted nor the amount that might be expected, but he believed that the test for a larger collection force he pointed out that examination of the past personal and corporation returns showed that 43 per cent of those inspected disclosed additional tax was due the government. On the basis of the examination, the secretary said that approximately more than \$4,600,000 in personal tax and more than \$20,891,000 in corporation tax was still due the government.

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COAST LINE FROM NEW YORK INTO CANADA. ERNEST THOMSON SETON WAS DROPPED BY BOY SCOUTS

Because He Refused to Become an American Citizen and Opposed Americanism.

New York, Dec. 8.—The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, through an authorized committee, held a special meeting today to consider a statement issued by Ernest Thompson Seton in which he said that he had resigned as chief scout after the meeting the council issued this statement.

Seton did not resign; he was deliberately dropped by the national council of the Boy Scouts of America on the question of Americanism. He is not an American citizen. He not only resented suggestions and questions made by his friends in the scout movement that he become an American citizen, but went farther and objected to the Boy Scout handbook, including the promise to become an American citizen. His term expired February, 1915. The national council at its annual meeting did not re-elect him because of his attitude in the movement. He stated that the dropping of Mr. Seton or his alleged resignation was due to anything less than this is not true.

"In fairness to Mr. Seton the office was left vacant until he could be afforded a response to his statement. He has refused to do so.

to resign, he was informed that inasmuch as he held no office, there was no official action to be taken and the matter was finally closed last July. Mr. Seton promised explicitly by letter that he would proceed quietly with his own work without raising any issue. He has seen fit to violate this promise without any notice. He has also violated the conditions which make necessary this statement of fact.

The dropping of Mr. Seton from the movement is today exactly the same as they have been since the organization was founded in 1907. Seton, born in 1876, is a Canadian. He is not a citizen of the United States. He is not a citizen of the United States. He is not a citizen of the United States.

ESTIMATES FOR IMPROVEMENTS OF HARBORS AND RIVERS. Almost \$46,000,000 Is Asked—\$9,000 for Thames River, \$1,000 for Pawcatuck River.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Almost \$46,000,000 is asked by the army engineers for maintenance and improvement of rivers and harbors for the twelve months beginning July 1, 1916. Estimates for that work submitted to congress today call for appropriations aggregating \$45,329,516. That amount is \$7,535,308 less than was estimated last December would be required for the year ending on July 1 for which, after a filibuster in the senate country club, \$20,000,000 was appropriated in a lump sum to \$25,000,000 below the amount selected by the secretary of war.

The great commerce-bearing rivers in the new estimate demand the largest portion of the money. Mississippi leading with a call for almost \$10,000,000 and the Ohio following with \$5,000,000.

The country's greatest port of foreign commerce, New York, asks more than \$2,000,000 for channel maintenance and improvement over its large area which includes the waterfront and rivers in adjoining New Jersey and Long Island.

Estimates for Connecticut and Rhode Island are: Harbors at Five Points, \$1,000; Stamford, \$1,000; Greenwich, and Westport and Saugatuck river, \$2,500; Norwalk, \$10,000; Connecticut river, \$1,000; Housatonic river, \$15,000; Thames river, \$9,000; Pawcatuck river, \$1,000; Providence river and harbor, \$237,500.

Movements of Steamships. Kirkwall, Dec. 8.—Arrived steamer Kirkwall, New York for Copenhagen. Falmouth, Dec. 7.—Sailed, steamer Noordam (from Rotterdam) New York. New York, Dec. 8.—Sailed, steamer Adriatic, Liverpool.